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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 13, line 70, "fist" has been changed to --first--.

Claim 21, line 4, --said motor-- has been inserted between "from" and "to".

The examiner's amendment was made to correct obvious errors in claims 13 and 21 to put the application in condition for allowance.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: No prior art discloses or renders obvious a system or method for providing cyclical impacts as claimed and including a movable member substantially fluidly isolating gas in a first space on its first side from gas in a second space on its second side, the movable member movable within the housing transversely to the longitudinal axis of the housing to provide a series of a plurality of movements of the impact member.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoang Dang whose telephone number is 571-272-7028. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:15-5:45 Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Bagnell can be reached on 571-272-6999. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Hoang Dang Primary Examiner Art Unit 3672